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AMENDATORY SECTION:

WAC 230-40-120 Limits on wagers in card games. Social and public card room licensees shall not allow wagering limits set by the commission to be exceeded in any card game. The number and value of wagers in card games are limited as follows:

Nonhouse-banked card games.

- (1) Poker:
- (a) There shall be no more than five betting rounds in any one game;
- (b) The maximum number of wagers in any betting round shall be four, comprised of an initial wager plus three raises; and
- (c) The maximum amount of a single wager shall not exceed twenty-five dollars;
- (2) Games based on achieving a specific number of points each point shall not exceed five cents in value;
- (3) An ante, except for panguingue (pan), shall not be more than the maximum wager allowed for the first betting round for any game. The ante may, by house rule, be made by one or more players, but the total ante may not exceed the maximum wager allowed for the first betting round. An ante, by house rule, may be used as part of a player's wager;
- (4) Panguingue (pan) the maximum value of a chip for a payoff shall not exceed ten dollars. An ante will not exceed one chip. Doubling of conditions is prohibited. Players going out may collect not more than two chips from each participating player;

House-banked card games.

- (5) Licensees authorized to conduct house-banked card games shall not allow a single wager to exceed ((one)) two hundred dollars ((, except that such licensees may allow a single wager of up to two hundred dollars on a limited number of tables as follows:
- (a) Licensees authorized to operate five tables or fewer may operate one table at the two hundred dollar limit:
- (b) Licensees authorized to operate from six to ten tables may operate two tables at the two hundred dollar limit; and
- (c) Licensees authorized to operate more than ten tables may operate three tables at the two hundred dollar limit));
- (6) A single wager may be made for each decision made by the player before additional cards are dealt or revealed. In addition, for blackjack, an additional wager may be placed for doubling down or splitting pairs; and
- (7) Bonus wagers for house-banked progressive jackpots shall not exceed one dollar. Bonus wagers with a predetermined prize amount based upon a separate element of chance within the same game shall not exceed the authorized maximum table limits as described in subsection (5) of this section.